

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 1 – 35 and 37 – 44 are canceled, claim 36 is amended and claims 45 – 49 are added. The present claims overcome the prior objections and rejections under 35 USC § 112 to previously pending claims, thereby placing the claims in condition for allowance.

IDS

Applicants did not receive the initialed Form SB 08 of IDS filed on March 12, 2004, which is indicated by Private PAIR to be part of the present file wrapper. Accordingly, applicants request the return of the initialed Form SB 08 of IDS filed on March 12, 2004 with the next Communication from the Examiner. Applicants repeat this request, which was first made in the response filed on June 21, 2004.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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